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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING WITH SECRETARY

REFS: SANA 2713; 2714; 2764

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY HUSSAIN ABDULLAH AL-AMRI ASKED ME TO HIS OFFICE TODAY, OCT 12, TO INFORM ME THAT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM FONMIN AL-ASNAJ IN NEW YORK ON PREVIOUS DAY RE AL-ASNAJ'S REQUEST TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. AL-AMRI CONTINUED THAT AL-ASNAJ IS CONCERNED THAT HE HAS THUS FAR NOT RPT NOT BEEN INFORMED WHEN HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY. AL-AMRI NOTED THAT AL-ASNAJ WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR REST OF THIS WEEK AND IS PREPARED TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS MEETING IF IT IS MORE CONVENIENT FOR THE SECRETARY. AL-AMRI ALSO OBSERVED THAT AL-ASNAJ APPRECIATES THE DEMANDS ON THE SECRETARY'S TIME BUT DEEPLY DESIRES HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SECRETARY AND TO DISCUSS CURRENT SITUATION IN PENINSULA AND RED SEA AREA IN GENERAL.

2. I TOLD AL-AMRI THAT I WOULD AGAIN CONVEY AL-ASNAJ'S DESIRE TO DEPARTMENT (SEE SANA 2713 & 2764) AND WOULD REQUEST IF AT ALL POSSIBLE THAT MEETING BE SET UP FOR AL-AENAJ AT TIME AND PLACE CONVENIENT FOR SECRETARY. I TOLD AL-AMRI THAT I COULD NOT PROMISE FAVORABLE ACTION

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BUT THAT I WOULD DO MY BEST. AL-AMRI EXPRESSED

HIS APPRECIATION AND AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE HOPE BOTH OF AL-ASNAJ AND YEMENI GOVT THAT SUCH MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED.

3. COMMENT: I FULLY APPRECIATE DEMANDS ON SECRETARY'S TIME BUT STRONGLY URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO SQUEEZE IN AL-ASNAJ. I BELIEVE AL-ASNAJ WOULD BE AMENABLE TO STAYING ON BEYOND THIS WEEK IF MEETING IS DEFINITELY SET FOR FOLLOWING WEEK. I HAVE ALREADY GIVEN RATIONALE FOR SUCH MEETING (SANA 2714) AND CAN ONLY REPEAT THAT SUCH MEETING WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL IN LIGHT OF RECENT PENINSULAR AND AREA DEVELOPMENTS IN WHICH YEMEN HAS BEEN PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY USEFUL AND MODERATE ROLE. THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH AL-ASNAJ WOULD GIVE FURTHER SIGN OF US APPROVAL OF AND SUPPORT TO THIS ROLE.
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